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H E Mr Mohamed Boudiaf
Chairman
Higher State Council
Algeria

Excellency,

Assalaam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

The Islamic Council stands firmly for political stability in Algeria because it is indispensable for the economic and social progress of the country and its people.

The prevailing tensions in Algeria, caused by the cancellation of elections, the detention of thousands of political workers and their leaders, like Abbas Madani, Ali bil Haj and others, and their impending trials on 27 June, could produce unpredictably dangerous conditions which could last a long time.

On behalf of the Islamic Council, I appeal to you to release all political prisoners, call off the June trials, close down all detention camps, encourage positive dialogue among all political parties, including FIS, and hold free and fair elections.

The people of Algeria, you will agree, are entitled to choose their government through free and fair elections and we hope that your governing Council will not deny them this right. Surely, you realise that the responsibility for any untoward incidents, damage to the economy and hardships suffered by the people as a result would fall squarely on the shoulders of the Higher State Council.

We pray to Allah to guide you to follow policies and actions which are in the best interests of Algeria, its people and the entire Muslim Ummah.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Salem Azzam

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Secretary General